



Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY

Your efforts over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend proved successful. Traditionally recognized as one of the deadliest holiday weekends on our Nation's highways, we completed the period with no reported fatalities or serious accidents. I congratulate you and challenge you to repeat that success over the coming Independence Day Holiday weekend!

Continue your emphasis on motor vehicle safety. Privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents remain the number one killer of Soldiers. TRADOC has lost 15 Soldiers to accidents during this FY - 12 of which were the result of POV accidents. Failure to comply with established standards (failure to wear seatbelts/helmets, speed, and alcohol) continues to result in the unnecessary loss of life.

Director, Installation Management Agency (IMA), has directed each installation to conduct a Motor Vehicle Safety Day during the month of June. Use these events and other initiatives to heighten safety awareness and instill the importance of individual discipline and leader involvement. High visibility, publicity, and enforcement activities are important tools in our accident prevention efforts. Involve your subordinate commanders and leaders to identify individuals who may be most at risk due to travel plans or past behavior, and intervene as necessary.

While POV accident prevention is important, do not overlook other hazards associated with the summer season. Environmental hazards (e.g., heat injury, lightning) and recreational activities (swimming, boating, or camping) also pose significant threats to safety. Remain ever vigilant on heat injury prevention, and ensure that actions are in place to educate personnel on the hazards associated with off-duty summertime activities.

Leadership involvement has proven successful in reducing the incidence of serious accidents over long holiday weekends in the past and sends a clear message of our sincere concern for the welfare of our Soldiers, civilian workers, and their families.

Victory Starts Here!

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